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A Listing of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

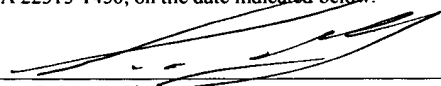
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